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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 ) Bradley J. Van Pelt  
 Serial No. 09/856,745 )  
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 Filed September 24, 2001 )  
 ) March 22, 2004  
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to  
 bring to the attention of the Examiner the following patents, publications and/or other  
 information:

FOREIGN REFERENCES

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
DE 10 04 871	03/21/57	Germany
FR 1 300 937	08/10/62	France

This information has not previously been submitted in this application, and has not  
 heretofore been cited by the Examiner. Copies of the cited items are enclosed in accordance  
 with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

The identified information, taken alone or in combination with other art, provides information relating to the subject matter of the invention, but fails to teach, disclose or suggest the present invention. The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

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A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language prior art patents under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) as most knowledgeable about the content of the information is set forth below.

##### **DE 1 004 871**

Disclosed is a connecting rod and piston pin arrangement that includes a number of additional components positioned between the connecting rod and the piston pin. Specifically, the inside diameter of the connecting rod receives a multi-component, hollow sleeve assembly. The innermost component of the hollow sleeve assembly is profiled for clearance at its opposite ends. The receiving inside diameter of the connecting rod is not profiled.

##### **FR 1 300 937**

Disclosed is a connecting rod and piston pin assembly that includes a liner positioned between the inside diameter of the connecting rod and the outside diameter of the piston pin. While the inside diameter of the liner is profiled in one sense, its curvature suggests a desire for more limited liner-to-pin contact and not to accommodate

piston pin deflection. In either case, the inside diameter of the connecting rod is not profiled.

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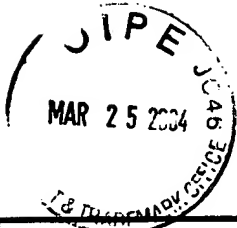
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